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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday January 19, 2022

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

To find your local NWS forecast office, go to <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.

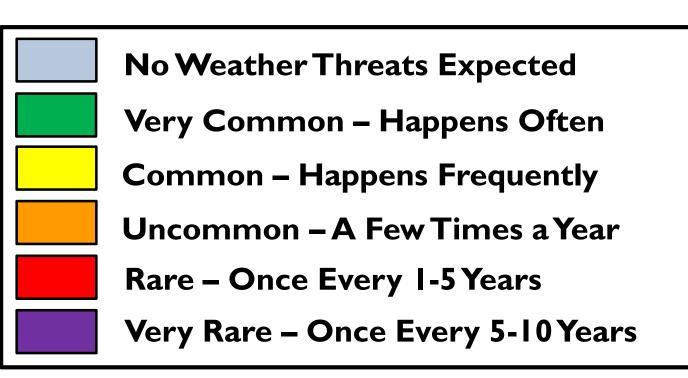
• Isolated severe thunderstorms possible across E/SE TX into LA and SAR today.

- Wintry weather with travel impacts across AR this afternoon and evening and for central and south TX tomorrow into Friday.
  - Light wintry weather/minor travel impacts possible for SE
     TX into S LA late Thursday into Friday morning.

### FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 19, 2022 - Jan 23, 2022

| DAY / THREAT                   | Wed             | Thu               | Fri                         | Sat | Sun |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Severe Storms                  | Far ETX, N LA   |                   |                             |     |     |
|                                | E/SETX, LA, SAR |                   |                             |     |     |
| Heavy Rain /<br>Flash Flooding |                 |                   |                             |     |     |
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| Fire Weather                   |                 |                   |                             |     |     |
| Winds                          |                 |                   |                             |     |     |
| Winter Weather                 | NAR             | Central/South TX  | Central/South TX<br>(early) |     |     |
|                                | AR              | SETX, S LA (late) | SETX, S LA (early)          |     |     |
| River Flooding                 | AR              | AR                | AR                          | AR  | AR  |



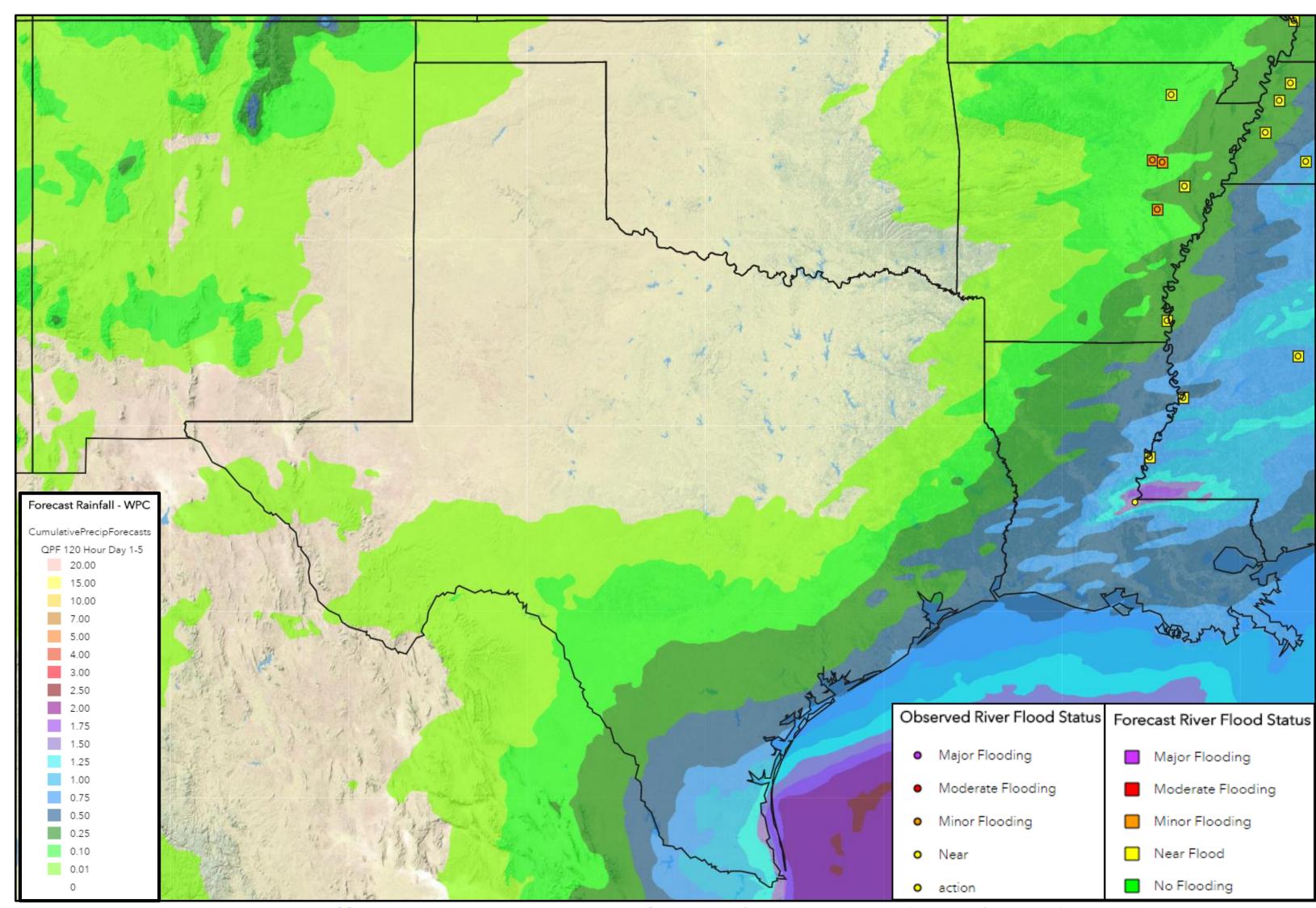
\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



#### 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



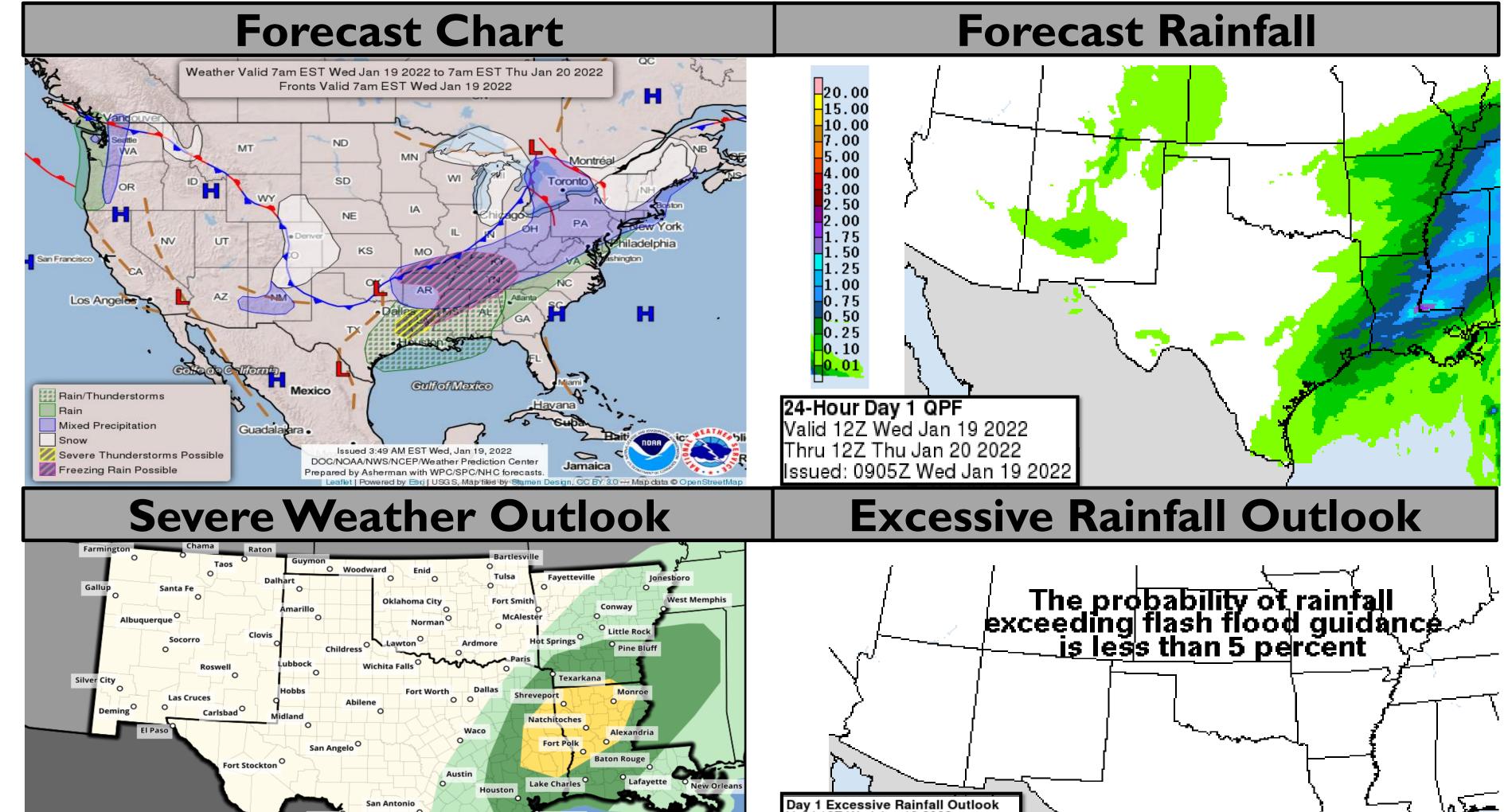
Minor river flooding is occurring for portions of the Cache, Black, and White Rivers in NE AR.

Minor impacts to agricultural lands, secondary roads, and near some homes.

http://water.weather.gov/ahps for latest river flooding



#### Today's Weather



5 High Moderate

2 Slight

3 Enhanced

Marginal
Thunder

Thru 12Z Thu Jan 20 2022

within 25 miles of a point

MDT: 20%-50%

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Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance

SLGT: 10%-20%

MRGL: 5%-10%

Slight Risk of severe storms for Far ETX into N LA late this afternoon into this evening.

Damaging winds are the primary risk, though a tornado and marginally severe hail cannot be ruled out.

Marginal risk of severe storms for the rest of ETX and much of the rest of LA and for SETX and SAR.

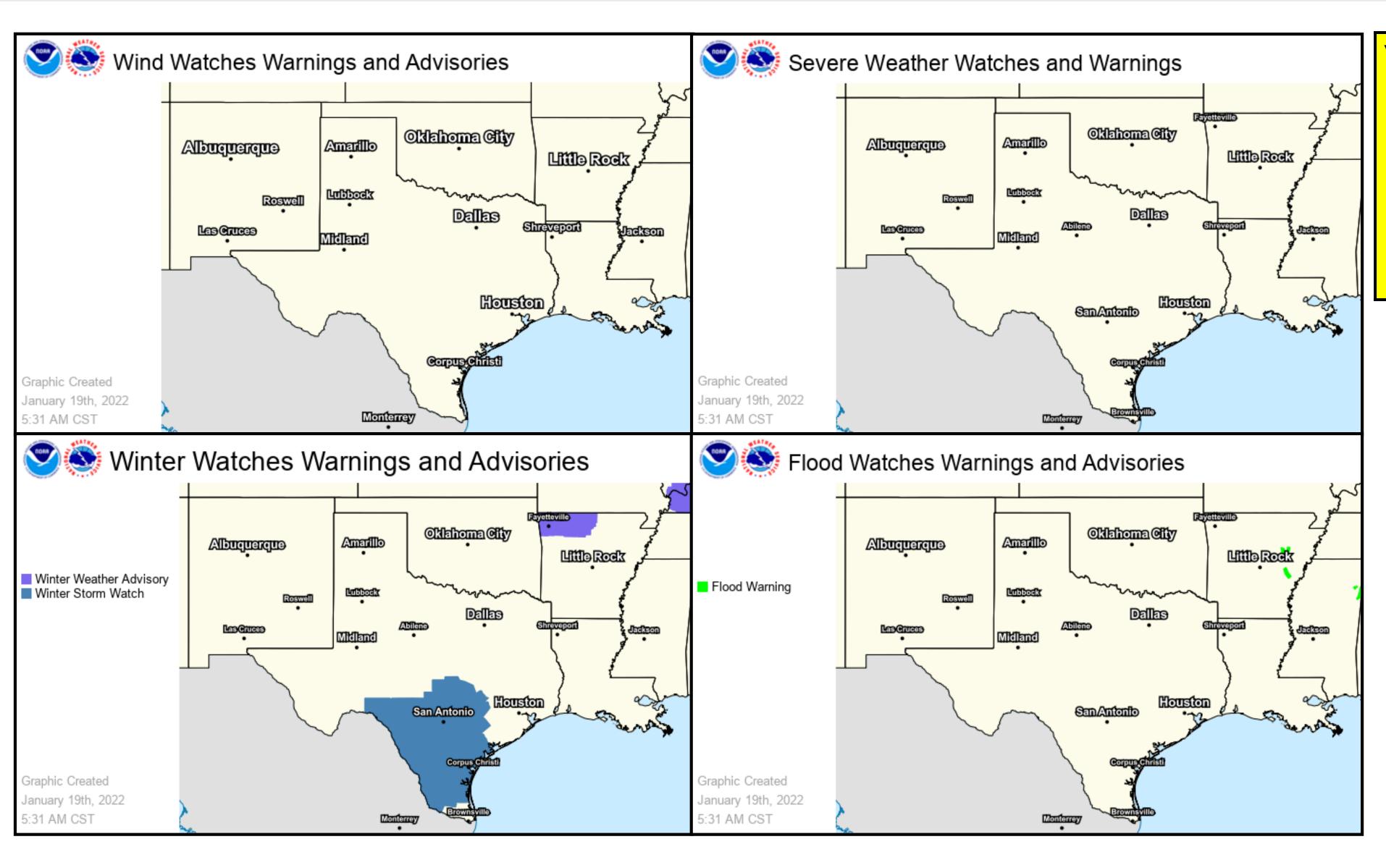
Wintry weather with travel impacts in NAR late this afternoon into the early evening.

Light wintry weather with minor travel impacts possible for much of the rest of AR.

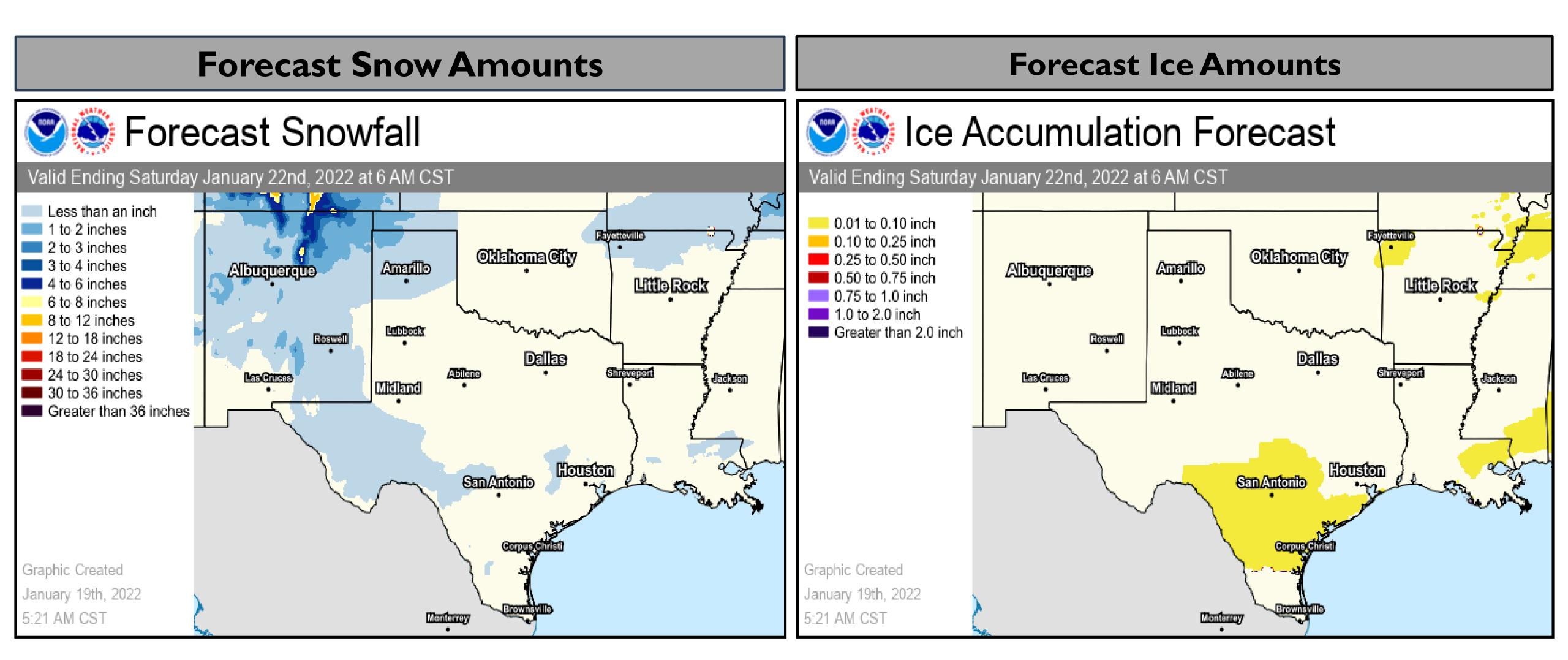


#### Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

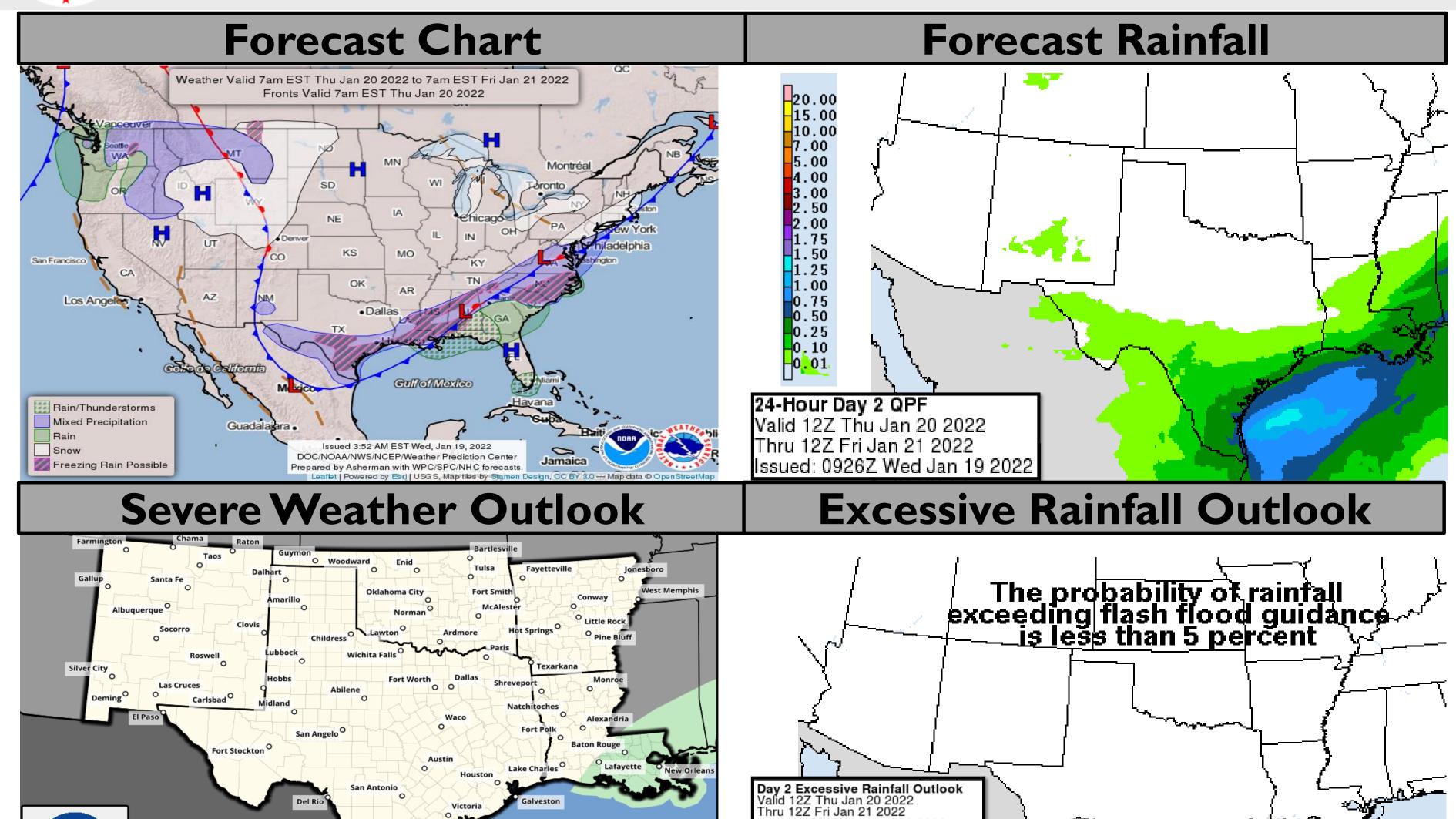


Winter Weather Advisories for parts of N AR from late this afternoon into early this evening.
Winter Storm Watches across Central and South TX for Thursday into Friday.





#### Tomorrow's Weather



5 High Moderate

2 Slight

3 Enhanced

Marginal
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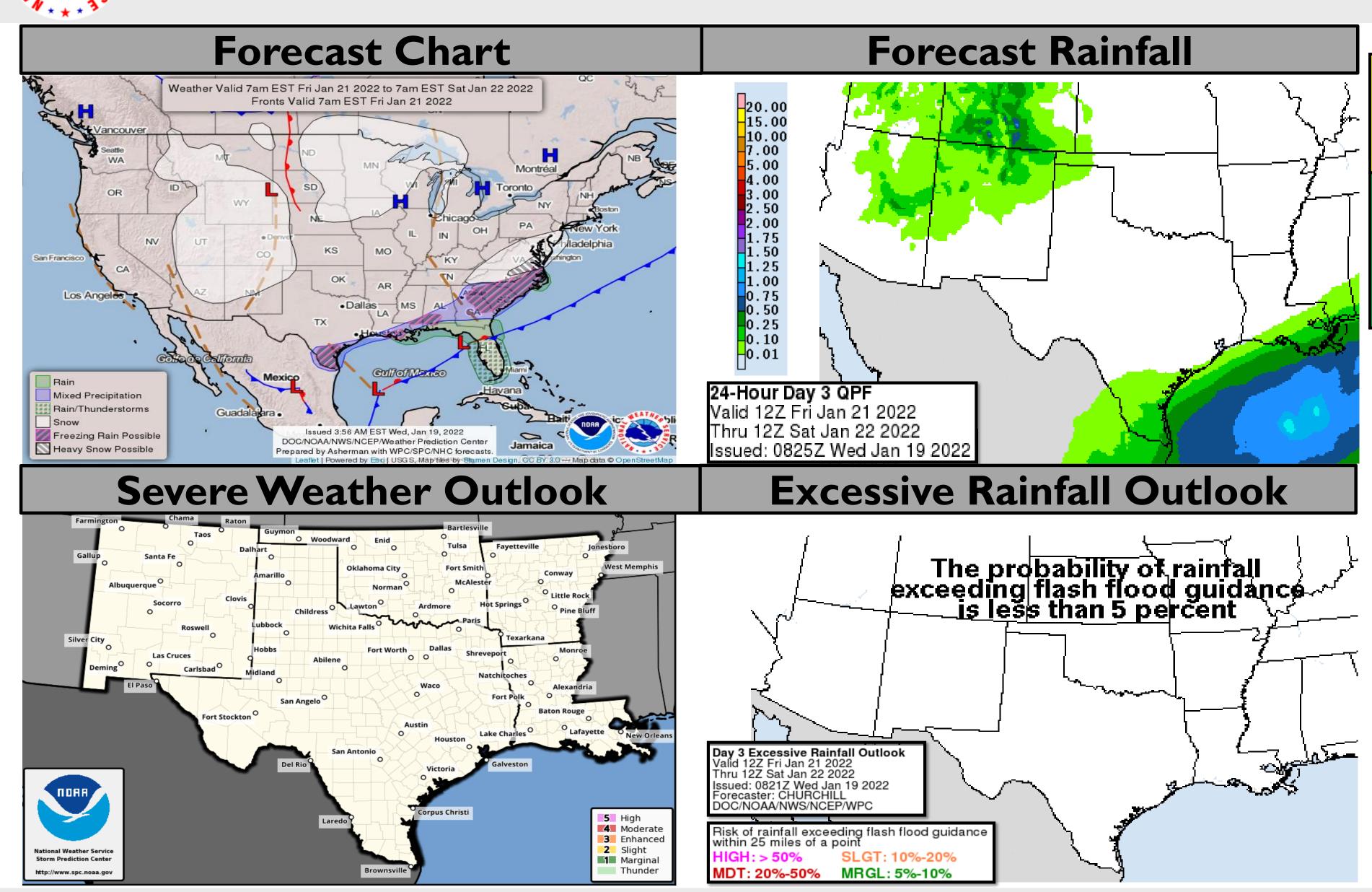
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Wintry weather with travel impacts across central and south TX.

Light wintry weather with minor travel impacts possible for SETX into S LA late Thursday.

# Friday's Weather



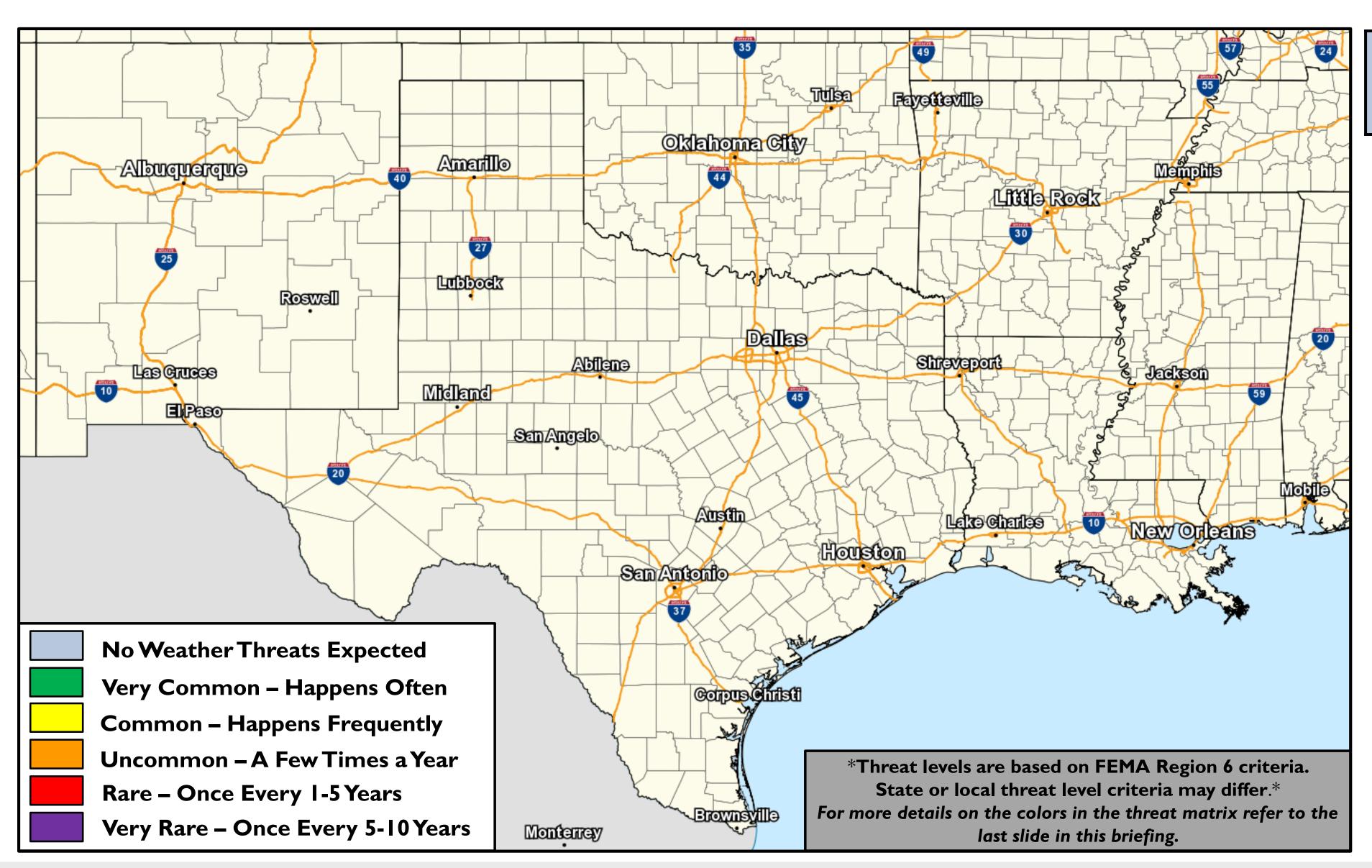
Wintry weather with travel impacts into Friday morning across central and south TX.

Light wintry weather with minor travel impacts possible into Friday morning for SETX into S LA.



## Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday

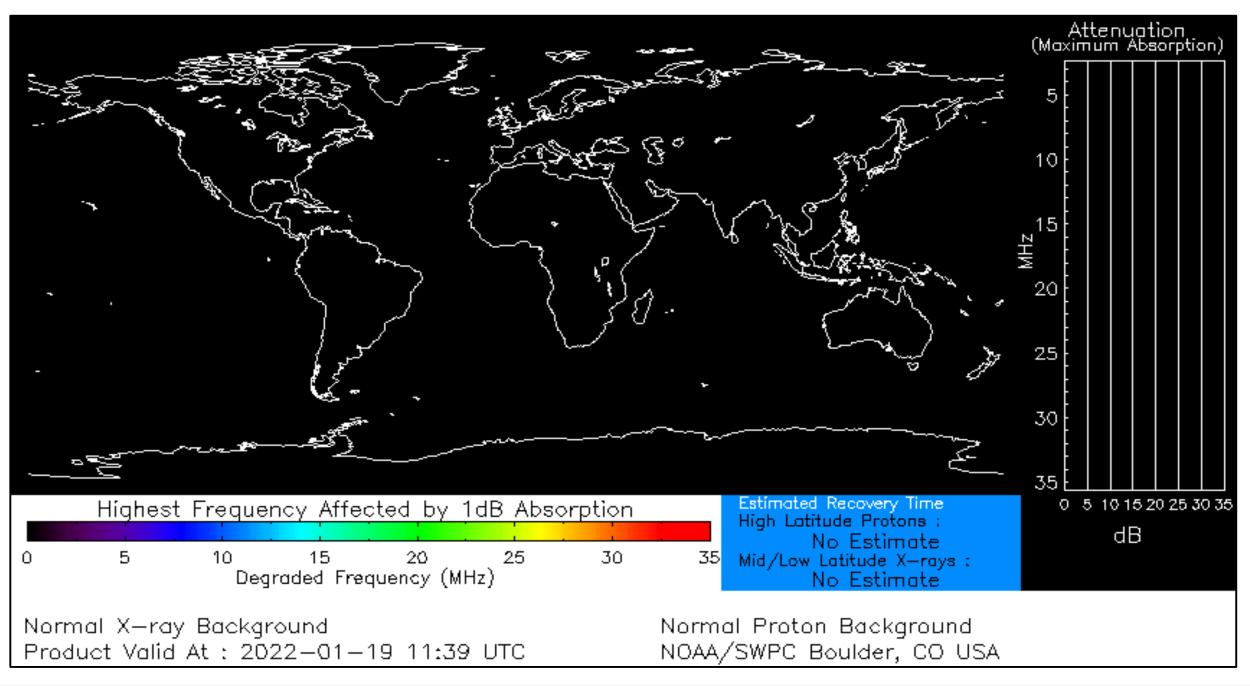


No significant weather expected.



## Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                               | Wednesday                          | Thursday                           | Friday                |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms            | Quiet to Unsettled<br>(Max Kp = 3) | Quiet to Unsettled<br>(Max Kp = 3) | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5) | 5%                                 | 5%                                 | 5%                    |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2)        | 20%                                | 20%                                | 20%                   |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5)        | 5%                                 | 5%                                 | 5%                    |



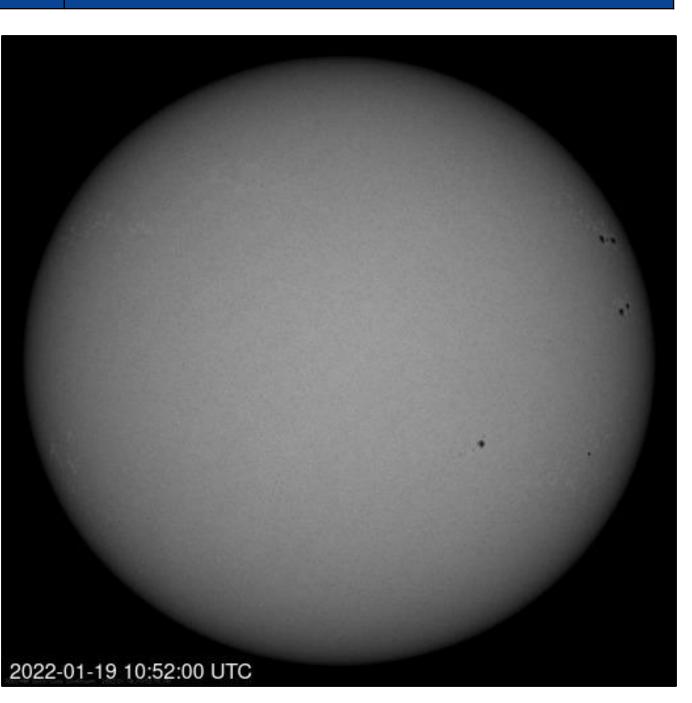
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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales

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3-Day Space Weather

Forecast Text





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|        | Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Color  | Definition  | Criteria   | Example(s)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Green  | Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines   | Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active   | Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees  Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow | Somewhat Common — Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life  | Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook   | <ul> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Orange | Uncommon — A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life                                     | Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions | <ul> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
| Red    | Rare — Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life                            | Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought  | A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days     Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail     Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purple | Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought                            | <ul> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long- lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |  |

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